

HIGHLIGHTS OF GERMAN CASTLES

Enjoy the harmony of architecture. The unique sites of past glory are among the most popular destinations in Germany. They take the enthused visitor on a travel through time back into the most divers epochs and styles introducing him to a tradition and history thousands of years old. They are, however, not only luxuriant vestiges of past glory but also event and exhibition locations for cultural highlights in a stylish atmosphere.

Cochem, Reichsburg Castle



Reichsburg Castle



Mosel River Valley

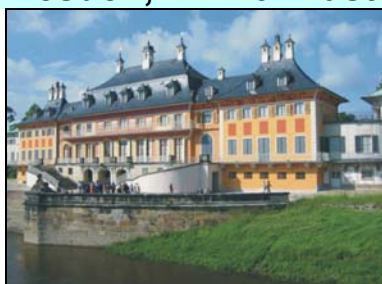


Courtyard with Lions-Gate

The late-Gothic castle with its unmistakable silhouette is perched on a striking hilltop more than 100 metres above the Mosel River. The contour of the hill seems to be continued in the outline of the castle itself. The castle also has a falconry centre where demonstrations are held.

Mosel-Romantic-Hotel ** from 60 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

Dresden, Pillnitz Castle



Pillnitz Palace



Garden court



Unique Camellia Flower-tree

This baroque estate with an exotic Far Eastern appeal was once the summer residence of the kings of Saxony and is now a visitor attraction. Set in the countryside along the river Elbe, the artistically laid out baroque park and the adjoining English-style landscaped garden are perfect places for a gentle stroll.

Castle Hotel Pillnitz ** from 55 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

Eisenach, Wartburg Castle



Wartburg Castle



Martin Luther room



Luther's house in Eisenach

Wartburg Castle is closely associated with German history, Saint Elisabeth lived and worked within its walls, and Martin Luther translated the New Testament into German. The castle is also linked to the Battle of the Bards and to the student fraternities in 1817. It has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Steigenberger Hotel ** from 50 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

Füssen, Neuschwanstein Castle



Neuschwanstein Castle



Throne Hall

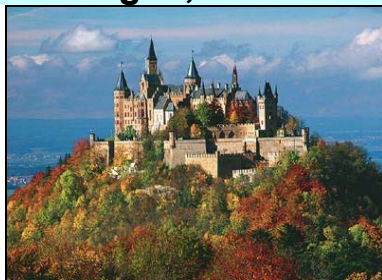


Singer's Hall

Just four kilometres south of Füssen, high above the town and the lake and romantically framed by woods, is one of the world's best-known castles and the most-visited building in Germany: King Ludwig II fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle. This castle is the "prototype" of Disney's Cinderella castle.

Hotel Luitpoldpark ** from 55 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

Hechingen, Hohenzollern Castle



Hohenzollern Castle



Spa hotels & beach



Treasure Chamber

For a thousand years, Hohenzollern Castle has been the ancestral seat of the House of Hohenzollern, which produced the Prussian kings and the last German emperors. Still today the castle is owned by the family. The castle offers spectacular panoramic views of the Swabian Alb Mountains.

Hotel Linde in Albstadt ** from 55 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

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Potsdam, Royal Castles of Prussia



Sanssouci Palace



New Palace



Cecilienhof Castle

Potsdam was the summer home of the Prussian Kings. The Potsdam palaces - Sanssouci, New Palace and Cecilienhof - still retain some of the magic of bygone eras. The centre of Potsdam with its picturesque Dutch Quarter and the Russian colony with its traditional Russian buildings bring the past back to life.

Steigenberger Hotel ** from 50 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

Schwerin Castle



Schwerin Castle



Castle Lake

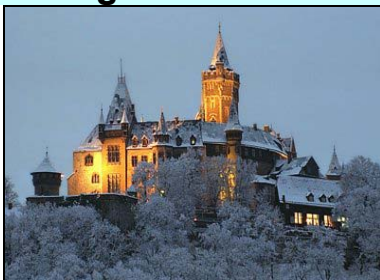


Old town of Schwerin

Schwerin's castle is most famous landmark of the city and the seat of the regional parliament. Surmounted with glittering golden spires it stands on an island in Lake Schwerin. In the castle museum, visitors can tour the state rooms in all their historic grandeur then relax in orangery with its Mediterranean ambience.

InterCityHotel ** from 45 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

Wernigerode Castle



Wernigerode Castle in winter



Courtyard



Historic knight's armour

Built originally as a stronghold, this castle became a Renaissance fortress in the 16th century, finally being rebuilt as a stately residence in the 17th century. Today it is one of Germany's foremost interior museums. Inside ones can see the living quarters with their original furnishings where the German nobility once lived.

Harz Hotel ** from 45 Euro per person in DBL incl. breakfast**

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